Mr. Harold Weisberg,
Fredrick, Maryland

Dear Harold,

A note of sorts to explain delays in possibilities of finding financial aid for a book.

I have submitted a proposal again to Mr. Greenspun, Las Vegas Sun, for you to do a series of articles. Is this within reason to you? If Mr. Greenspun will afford you passage, expenses, facilities while in Vegas, and a fee agreeable to you, would you consider this as an alternative to a book at present? If the info and articles are well recieved, it may be the necessary step to getting your book published. Does this sound agreeable with you?

Last night, Mr. "Rusty" Rhoades was at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, with an Assassination Seminar, Zapruder & Nix Film, etc. Representing a West Coast organization C.I.P.A. (Committee Investigating Presidential Assassination) I assume an authenic organization. I spoke briefly with Mr. Rhoades afterwards, stating I knew you. He said for you to contact him as he had information "regarding Alice, Texas." I assume you know what he is referring too, and pass this along to you.

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No further statements were made. He doesn't know my name or have any insight into yours or my relationship.

His program was well recieved and several hundred turned out with a very minimum of advance advertising. I was amazed at the number of intelligent questions asked at the conclusion, also at the knowledge some of the people possessed.

I'm not asking you to devulge any information you feel is confidential, however, I will gratefully ask you to send any copies of stills, close-ups, partials, etc. that deal with the so-called "Umbrella man."

My statement on the phone to you is based on several similarities between this character and Loren Hall. The dress, posture, and walk are distinquishable, and what pictures I have seen lead me to the belief they are one and the same. It was a sincere disappointment that Mr. Garrison was not able to extract information of significant value from Hall — just remarkable, in fact. When Hall left California he was dramatic to the point – he didn't think he would return to Calif. — He took

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Several days getting his affairs in "order" – He repaid some small debts – He was a resigned, deflated individual from all appearances. He served notice to leave his job, drove 46 miles in once instance to repay a $10.00 debt to a party who hated Hall and stated "He wasn't worth the ten." I couldn't, at that time, understand why Garrison didn't involve Hall in the Shaw trial. Hall knew Shaw, positive. It remains a mystery to me, as Garrison nor his office felt it worthwhile to inform me of their findings on Hall. So be it.

I obtained the orginal copy transcript of Lewis McWillie's testimony to the Warren Commission, and sent that to Garrison, plus the activities of McWillie in the Las Vegas area, however, no replies or word was returned from his office, even though I was given a "cover" address to send info to in New Orleans. My last two reports were "returned to sender."

Again I will attempt further support for a book.

No word on Hall tapes.

Will keep you informed — write me if agreed.

Sincerely, JHuston —

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